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Dr. Ghassem R. Asrar, Associate Administrator  
Office of Earth Science  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
NASA Headquarters  
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Washington D.C.

Dear Dr. Asrar:

The Kentucky proposal has been a long-time in the making. I visited with Dr. Maynard 4 years ago at NASA Headquarters and we discussed how we might engender use of remotely sensed data in Kentucky as that time. I realized at that time that unless we had an opportunity that could foster a partnership between NASA and states and locals, it would be very difficult for that to happen. Evidence that I oversee the budget requests for digital geographic information data request for every state government cabinet in Kentucky. For fiscal years 01-02 there was not a single - not one - request for remotely sensed data.

That is why I became involved as a charter member with the efforts of the National States Geographic Information Council NASA Liaison Committee. This Broad Agency Announcement was very gratifying for the liaison committee. I am particularly honored that the Kentucky abstract was chosen for full proposal development. I believe completely in the viability of the NASA State Local and Tribal Government Initiative that the Earth Science Office has undertaken. Without a program like this, it will be very difficult to migrate remote sensing technologies, data and services down to the state and local governments. The vision of NASA and your staff is to be commended.

I also completely believe the work that comes out of our *proposal 'Monitoring and Assessment of Forest and Urban Resources in the Commonwealth of Kentucky'* will be the genesis of a remote sensing program and powerful applications and datasets that will be huge multipliers for government, the private sector, and citizens of the Commonwealth. It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Kentucky Office of Geographic Information submits this grant proposal.

Very truly yours,

Susan Carson Lambert  
Executive Director